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Assistance to El Salvador as a result of the earthquake of 13 January 2001

The General Assembly,

Deeply distressed by the lamentable loss of hundreds of human lives and the thousands of victims wounded and left homeless, together with the serious damage to infrastructure in El Salvador, as a result of the earthquake of 13 January 2001,

Recognizing the large-scale relief and humanitarian assistance efforts being made by the Government and people of El Salvador to alleviate the suffering of the disaster victims and meet their immediate needs,

Recognizing also the demonstrations of support and solidarity offered by the international community to the people and Government of El Salvador in this emergency situation,

Noting the enormous efforts that have been made by the people and Government of El Salvador to build peace and democracy and achieve a favourable environment for promoting economic growth and furthering human development,

Aware of the grave consequences of natural disasters, which may present a serious obstacle to economic and social development in the developing countries, and which require considerable amounts of human and financial resources to overcome their negative effects, and considering it essential that the international community offer all its technical and financial support and assistance in order to supplement national efforts and undertake, as soon as possible, the process of

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rehabilitation, reconstruction and development in the areas afflicted by these natural disasters,

1. *Expresses* its solidarity and support to the Government and people of El Salvador in these difficult times;

2. *Welcomes* the valuable support of the international community in the work of rescuing and providing emergency relief to the stricken population;

3. *Urges* all Member States, specialized agencies and other organizations and organs of the United Nations system, together with international financial institutions and non-governmental organizations, to continue responding generously to El Salvador in its emergency, rehabilitation and reconstruction tasks and programmes, in order to maintain the present political stability and prevent the effects of this natural disaster from becoming an impediment to the economic and social development of El Salvador;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make every effort to continue mobilizing and coordinating the humanitarian assistance being provided by the specialized agencies and other organizations and organs of the United Nations system in support of the efforts of the Government of El Salvador.